



Public Affairs Section, U.S. Embassy Seoul

EXCHANGE ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the Fall Edition of U.S. Embassy Seoul's Alumni Newsletter. We hope you enjoy reading about some of our recent events and future activities. Please feel free to share this newsletter with other interested individuals.

International Exchange Alumni Website www.alumni.state.gov



The International Exchange Alumni website www.alumni.state.gov is an online community of alumni of U.S. government-sponsored exchange programs. Share ideas and network with exchange alumni, search for grants and funding; find jobs and volunteer resources and access more than 20,000 free publications and online research tools.

Upcoming Alumni Events

Alumni Mentoring Program (Nam Won)

The U.S. Embassy Seoul will host an Alumni Mentoring Program in **Nam Won in Jeolla-do on November 6 (Friday) and 7 (Saturday)**. In the program, senior exchange program alumni will be teamed with younger alumni and university students. In addition to the career mentoring workshops and activities, the groups will also participate in a community service event in Jirisan and visit local businesses and cultural centers. Two additional Alumni Mentoring Programs will be held in February 2016 in Gyeongju and in Daejeon. If you are interested in participating in any of these programs, either as a mentor or a mentee, please contact [us](#).



Alumni Meetings in Busan and Daegu for Alumni Mentoring Program (Gyeongju)

The U.S. Embassy Seoul invites alumni who are interested in career mentoring for local university students in Gyeongsang-do. The preparatory meetings with dinners will be held in **Busan on November 19 from 7-8:30pm** and **Daegu on November 20 from 7-8:30pm**. Please contact [us](#) if you want to attend these meetings.

9th Annual Alumni-Youth Leadership Program (AYLP)



The 9th Alumni-Youth Leadership Program (AYLP) will be held in Seoul from Monday, January 25 through Saturday, January 30, 2016. Thirty high school students from different regions in Korea will participate in the program. Speakers will include U.S. Embassy officials and Korean alumni of U.S.-government exchange programs who are experts in a variety of areas. This year's theme is "Empathy in a Global World." All USG-sponsored exchange alumni are welcome to participate in the program. Please contact us if you want to attend the **alumni roundtable luncheon on Tuesday, January 26th 2015, 12:00- 1:30pm**.

Alumni Highlights

Alumni Program Focuses on Gender Balance

Seoul, May 26 – The second session of the School of Careers for Women 2.0 featured Ms. June Kyong Jung, the head of Marketing of VM Ware Korea (an American IT company). In a talk that stressed the importance of men and women working together, Ms. Jung pointed out that companies with gender balance are also more profitable. After her talk, the students and young professionals in the audience engaged in a lively discussion ranging from how to choose the right career to the best way to approach a job interview.



Regional Alumni Mentoring Program Help Careers

Busan & Daegu, May 29 & 30 – Alumni of PA Seoul's Regional Alumni Mentoring Program gathered together in Busan and Daegu to reinforce their alumni networks and exchange information about jobs and job skills. Director of Exchanges and Alumni Richard Roberts encouraged these young alumni to actively create their own job opportunities and build their résumés in continued partnership with the U.S. Embassy.



WEST Alumni Inspire Local High School Students

Busan, May 29 – Two alumni of the WEST (Work, English Study, Travel) program talked about their dreams and shared their WEST experiences with students of the Yang Woon High School in Busan. The presentations were part of PA Seoul's goal of expanding U.S. government-sponsored exchange programs to more students in the areas outside of Seoul.



American Exchange Students Bid Korea "Anyeong"

Seoul, May 29 – Anita Cerana of the US Embassy's Public Affairs Section bid farewell to a group of American high school students who had spent the last year in Korea on the National Security Language Initiative-Youth (NSLI-Y) program. It was a bittersweet moment for the students who are looking forward to going home, but who are also sad to say goodbye to their host families and the new friends they made in Korea. Ms. Cerana reminded the students that their experiences in Korea mean that they are not returning home as just Americans, but as citizens of the world.



Embassy Connects Congressional Exchange Participants with Alumni

Seoul, August 6 & July 28 – PA hosted a reception for members of the 2015 U.S. - Korea Congressional Youth Exchange (CYX). Youth exchange alumni from various programs including CYX, Global Undergraduate (UGRAD), Work, Study English, Travel (WEST) welcomed the 2015 CYX participants and shared their own personal experiences. Political Officer Jinnie Lee, Economic Officer Julianna Kim and Cultural Affairs Officer Mark Canning led an informative discussion on U.S. -Korea relations.



Alumni Highlights

EAP E-teacher Alumni Seminar in Seoul

Seoul, August 3-5 – The Regional English Language Office (RELO) of the US Embassy in Seoul brought together 45 E-Teacher alumni from 11 countries for the fourth year to learn, share and connect. This theme of this year's three-day seminar was "Blended Learning and the Flipped Classroom." Participants came from Korea, Japan, Taiwan, China, Philippines, Malaysia, Vietnam, Burma, Cambodia, Thailand and Indonesia. Dr. Donna Shaw of the University of Oregon was the featured speaker. She shared her expertise in the effective use of technology in language learning, specifically as it relates to blended learning. Jennifer Uhler, from the US Embassy in Jakarta led a session on less obvious internet sources to learn about American society and culture. At the end of the seminar, a Facebook page was set up to continue the conversation started in Seoul.



Alumni Spotlight

Bae Geu Ram

Work, English Study, Travel (WEST) Alum

Keimyung University's Bae Geu Ram wrote a column in the Journal of the Korea America Friendship Society (KAFS) entitled, "Dream, Explore, and Discover!" In the article, Ms. Bae writes about her challenges and internship experiences as a participant of WEST program. You can read her column [here](#).



Exchange Alumni Associations

- ❖ **Korea-U.S. Vision Association (KUVA)**
 - Members: Open to all U.S. government-sponsored exchange program alumni
 - To join the association, please email the Association Administrator kuva@hanmail.net
- ❖ **Fulbright Alumni Association of Korea:** To become a member, please contact chuntj@fulbright.or.kr.
- ❖ **Eisenhower Alumni Association:** For information, please contact KSS@state.gov.
- ❖ **Humphrey Alumni Association:** For information on the Humphrey program and alumni association, please contact the Korean-American Educational Commission <http://www.fulbright.or.kr/contact.html>
- ❖ **Work, English, Study, Travel (WEST) Alumni Association** www.facebook.com/groups/westalumni/

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Please contact us if you want to update your personal information or have any suggestions about alumni activities.

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